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IN RE APPLICATION OF

SALVATI ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 10/024,878

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FOR: METHODS FOR THE PREPARATION OF FUSED HETEROCYCLIC  
SUCCINIMIDE COMPOUNDS AND ANALOGS THEREOF

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Entry of the accompanying amendments to the specification and claims of this application is respectfully requested.

***Status of the Claims; Description of the Amendments***

Claims 1 and 2 are pending in this application. By way of the concurrently filed election in response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, claim 1, in part, has been elected for examination; claim 2 is withdrawn from current prosecution.

By way of the amendments presented herein, claims 3 and 4, which depend from claim 1, are added for examination. These claims find support in the specification, for example at pages 349-350. No new matter is presented.

The amendment to the specification conforms Applicants' priority claim to the format recently prescribed by the Office. No new matter is presented.

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